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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
Fulton County
141 N. Brunell Street
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Fulton County Republican Executive Committee, Fulton County, Ohio (the Committee), agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with certain requirements included in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13(X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Committee is responsible for complying with these requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards for agreed-upon procedures engagements and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Committee. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Cash Receipts

1. We inquired of the Committee whether they deposited all gifts from corporations, labor organizations and all gifts restricted to operations into the same fund into which they deposit amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner. Management informed us they received no such gifts.
2. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2011. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2011 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2011. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2011 bank statements and noted they did not reflect four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The Deposit Forms 31-CC did not report two payments in the amount of \$86 and \$4 respectively.

We recommend the Committee contact the State Tax Commissioner for reissuance of the two checks that were not deposited.

5. We scanned other recorded 2011 receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(3)(a) imposes. We found no evidence that any corporation or labor organization exceeded this limit.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2011 reconciliation for the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). We found no computational errors.
2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2011. The balances agreed.
3. We reviewed the bank reconciliation and there were no reconciling items, the bank and book balances agreed.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code, Section 3517.17, requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2011. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code, 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2011 and inquired of management whether they transferred any cash from the restricted fund to any other political party account into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made. We found no evidence of prohibited transfers.
3. We compared the amounts on other disbursements reflected in 2011 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2011. We found no discrepancies.
4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2011, we attempted to trace the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. Bank charges were the only expenditures for 2011.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2011 disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code, 3517.13(X)(2)(b), prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
6. We scanned each 2011 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M for evidence that it represented a transfer from the restricted fund to any other state or county political party, which Ohio Rev. Code, 3517(X)(4), prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.
7. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on 2011 Disbursement Forms 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code, Section 3517.18, permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code, Section 3517.18.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2011, the objective of which would have been to opine on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Secretary of State of Ohio and for the Republican Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 28, 2012

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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APRIL 24, 2012**